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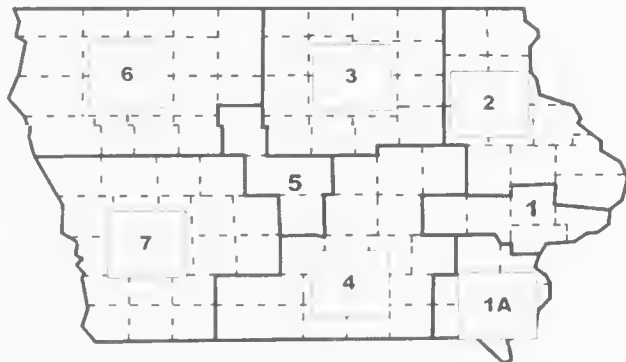
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

Send to: Editor, *The Iowa Collector*
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Presidents Message



Dean Parr

Fellow numismatists:

I have a couple questions for you. How did you get started collecting and what keeps you collecting? I know for me that what keeps me collecting has evolved through the years. I got started when I received the Whitman Lincoln Cents Number 2 blue folder for Christmas in 1958. That means that I am coming up on sixty years of coin collecting. My interest in the hobby expanded to world coins, paper money, and various tokens as the years went on. I especially enjoy going through a pile of world coins and identifying them. World paper, Civil War and hard times tokens, local good for tokens all have grabbed my interest. I found that I could leave my work stress behind by reading numismatic magazines, a sales lists, or searching through some coins I had been unable to identify. It is easy for me to get totally absorbed by that which allowed me to leave the stress of the day behind. These days I keep a number of numismatic journals and books stored on my tablet. Those are available even when I do not have an internet connection. I have learned a lot about history and geography over the years as a result. So back to my questions, how did you get started? What do you think the INA could do now that might bring new people to the hobby? How do we get young people interested in numismatics and keep them interested? Please send me your answers and ideas. Just compiling a list of the different ways people have been introduced to the hobby will help us come up with ideas that may work today. This year's INA Conference will be held at the Palace on the Adventureland Grounds October 27th and 28th. Please note that this is a new location for us. The Palace is a large venue so we will have plenty of room for exhibits. Contact David Stark if you are interested in doing an exhibit. Elections time is here and my term as president will end at the 2018 conference. It has been a pleasure serving as the INA President and I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last two years. I look forward to working with the INA in the future as well.

Dean Parr President, Iowa Numismatic Association



From The Secretary's Desk

Beverly Ashton

Hello from Fort Dodge. Summer is almost gone! Where has the time gone? I know I am always saying this but, I just can't believe how fast time flies! I suppose Christmas will be here before we know it.

It is voting time again. Yes we vote every year for something. This year we need to elect new officers and a new board of directors. If everything is working on schedule you should either already have your ballot, or will be receiving it shortly.

Is everyone excited about the reverse proof silver proof set the mint has come out with this year? I am curious how it will be affecting the coin market. What are the markets doing? Right now gold spot is around \$1,225, with silver about \$15.50. See you at the shows.....

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA Board and Membership Meeting Dates

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February , 2019 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

June , 2019 at Des Moines Coin Club Annual Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 27, 2018 at Annual INA Show, Altoona, Iowa

October 28, 2018 Open membership meeting, Altoona, Iowa

President Dean Parr called the meeting to order. The minutes were read, Denny motioned they be accepted, Chris seconded and they were approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$3,166.97 in the general fund. Chris motioned they be accepted and John seconded and they were approved. Chris briefed us on the INA 2018 show at the Palace inside Adventureland. Price difference of tables and making sure we have enough signs/ ads online to notify people where to go. No nominations were received by mail ballot. Dave Stark said he would run for President and Brian Sparks will run for 1st Vice President. We need to contact Don Wells and see if we need to update his contact information.

The mission statement has been updated and any errors were corrected.

We voted to include 3 new additions to our Articles Of Incorporation By-Laws and INA show rules. Conflict of interest: Any officer related or a direct business partner of another officer up for election can not participate in the vote electing them. included in the Articles Of Incorporation under Article VI Officer Limitations Disposition of Assets: If the disbandment of the INA is to take place, the INA assets shall be donated to the State Historical Museum of Iowa located at 600 E Locust St. Des Moines, IA 50319. iowa.museum@IOWA.gov The State Historical Society of Iowa Include this in the Articles of Incorporation under Article VII Title of Property. Any raffles that take place during a INA show must be completed under the hosting coin club and any proceeds made can not be accepted by the INA. Include in the INA Show Rules

Denny motioned we accept the additions and Dave seconded. All in favor. No nays.

Needing to advertise for a call for exhibits. We are going to seek out individual clubs to let them know exhibit spots are open for education on their desired topics related to numismatics. This includes bullsessions and advertisement on social media.

John brought several tubs of old documents and numismatic related items. Which included a nice set of barber dimes that we all admired. Brian is going to go through the documents and inventory all items.

John is going to take the barber dimes and get them put in capital plastic holders so that we can display them easier. John is also going to take two different paper currency notes from the Historian's holdings to have graded Facebook page will try to post in locations of the next upcoming show to help generate more views, such as local clubs and buy/sell pages.

Brian asked if the Historian expenses be paid for the show. Chris motioned

that this be accepted. John stated that we need to stay focused on education and seconded. All in favor. No nays
Denny motioned we adjourn, John seconded.
Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sparks

Second Vice President Historian

Members present: Dean Parr, Brian Sparks, Dave Stark, Denny Ross,
Chris Seuntjens, Dale Winter and John Jackson.

From The Editors Desk



Denny Ross

Summer is finally winding down and the hot muggy days are finally behind us. It was another dry , humid and hot one this year, and I am looking forward to cooler days for the up-coming INA's annual Convention & Coin show in Altoona in October.

The coin market has been in a holding pattern for sometime now with precious metals not making any notable moves for the past several months. It still looks like a good time to purchase those key date coins to fill up those empty holes in those coin albums. With the market prices still being depressed on the key dates bargains are to be had.

I trust that everyone is looking forward to the INA Convention & Coin show in Altoona, Iowa this year. It looks like this show will be hosting several more dealers than some of the past Convention Coin Shows. With new dealers comes the opportunity to see a lot of new numismatic materials. You don't want to miss this one.

Looking forward to seeing lots of INA members as well as many new faces in Altoona, Iowa.

Denny Ross
Editor: The Iowa Collector

Starting Balance	INA Regular	Show Fund	1.34
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Receipts			
Dues	264.00		
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Show Fund	1.34		
Interest	<u>1.15</u>		
	846.49		
Expenses			
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 Current Balances	 3,166.97		 0.00
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Cash	<u>40.00</u>		
	3,166.97		

INA Bylaws

The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina.anaclubs.org>
 A white copy, of the bylaws, can be obtained by contacting INA
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PM, Dave Sanderson a (563) 568-2371
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Thank you for your sponsorship!

*Chris Seuntjens
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80th INA Convention & Coin Show

October 26 -27- 28

The Palace, Adventureland Park

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The object of this corporation shall be to:

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The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations Annual Convention held in the fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his area, to appraise an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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C. 1938

B. 1936

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In what town is the 2018 80th annual INA Convention & Coin show being held?

A. Des Moines, Iowa

C. Altoona, Iowa

B. Sioux City, Iowa

D. Bettendorf, Iowa

Answers to above inside back cover page

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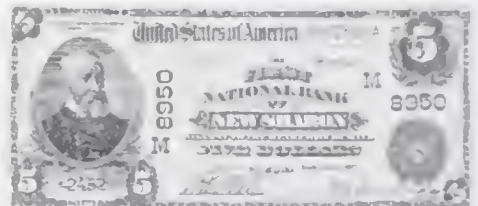
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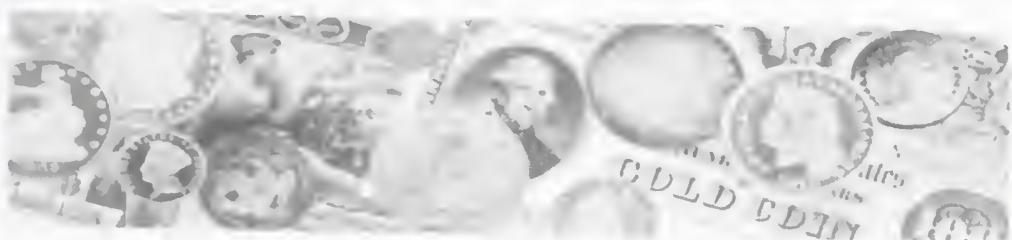
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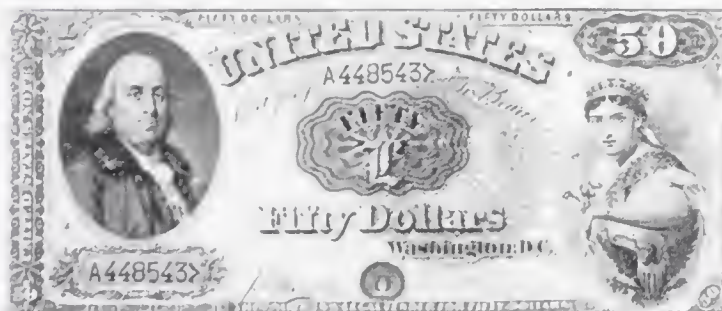
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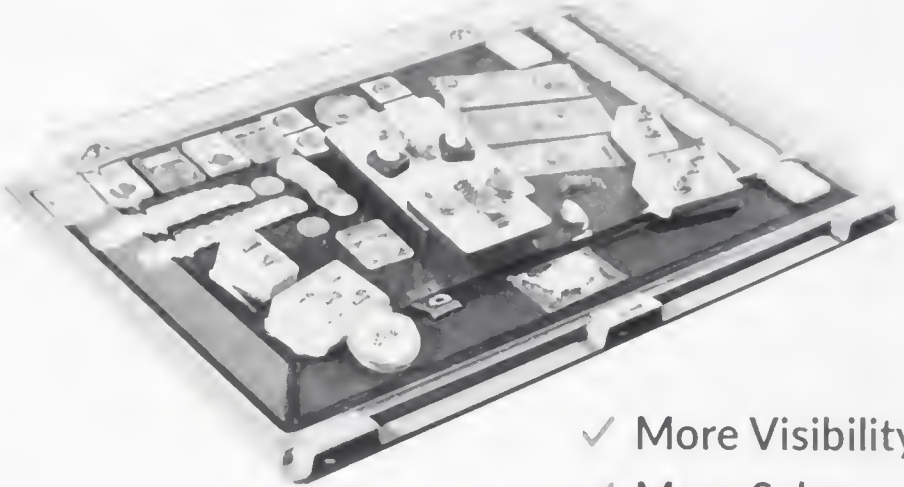
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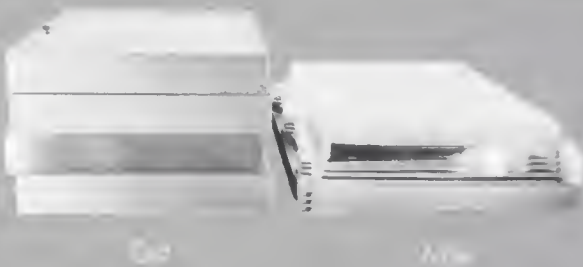
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If you have any Iowa trade tokens at all, I'd like to include your counts in my survey. I'll send you specific instructions and a form for your token information.

As an incentive to be a part of this project, anyone participating will be able to purchase a copy of the final Iowa Town Count booklet for \$10. For those who do not participate, the price will be \$30-\$35.

I thank you in advance for helping with this survey. I appreciate your timely responses, and I look forward to some interesting new information about the rarity of our tokens! Please contact me at the below address, email, or telephone # for more information.

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October 26-27-28 2018 IN Convention events

Friday October 26th Dealer Set-up and Early Birds 1 pm - 6 p.m.

Saturday October 27th

Dealer setup	7:00 am - 9:00 am
Bourse open to public	9:00 am - 5 pm
Seminars: Convention Hall	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Bourse closes	5:00 pm
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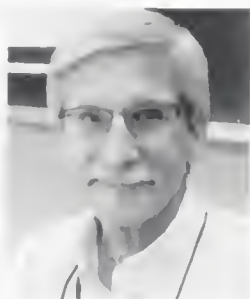
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Clifford Mishler

Topic: Our Hobby Community

Mishler has spent a lifetime deeply engaged in coin collecting community activities, having been introduced to the hobby in 1950 at the age of ten, as an author editor, publisher, corporate manager and consultant. Having initially pursued filling Whitman blue folders with coins collected from circulation, commencing in 1957 his interests became more specialized and focused, at which time he became engaged in authoring and privately publishing specialized studies in the exnumia field.



David Stark

Topic: Smart Phone Photography

Pharmacist by trade, collector since first Lincoln Cent Board as a kid. Hooked on Large Cents since early 1980's, chose Middle Dates (1816-1839) to collect by die variety, as most "bang for the buck". Also enjoy collecting Indian and Lincoln cents by die variety. Active in local clubs. Currently INA First Vice President.



Dillon Kraft

Topic: Using Social Media for Promoting Numismatics

Dillon Kraft started his path in coin collecting as a boy when his grandmother bought him his first Whitman blue book at the Woolworths store in Clinton, IA. As a young collector, he spent hours pulling wheat cents out of the Redwing jug his grandpa dumped his change into every night after returning from his vending route.

Today Dillon's numismatic interest is focused on Love Tokens and Capped Bust Halves. He is a member of the INA, ANA, and the Love Token Society. He has served as the President of the Ames Coin Club since 2015.

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The Health Benefits of Numismatics

Ron Guth

Having just undergone a medical procedure (all is well, thank you), much of my recent attention has been focussed on health. Good health is a treasure, whether it is physical or mental health. Maintaining both is vital to leading full, productive, and enjoyable lives. When I read about maintaining good health, most of the advice focuses on eating right and exercising regularly. This is all good advice, but it only addresses physical health and, certainly, numismatics is not beneficial in this area (with the notable exception of lugging briefcases full of inventory and books from coin show to coin show).

What about mental health?

The Oxford Dictionary defines a hobby as "An activity done regularly in one's leisure time for pleasure." A hobby can be an activity that takes one's mind off the overwhelming tasks at home and work that fill our lives. Thus, when someone says, "Get a hobby" they are really saying "Get a life" or "Do something that satisfies you." In his book "Defy Aging," Michael Brickey lists the three purposes of hobbies: engaging our passion or enthusiasm; providing a mini-vacation from our daily lives; and giving us a sense of purpose.

As a hobby, numismatics is one of the best. Coin collecting includes a nearly endless list of activities: learning about coins; hunting for coins; reading about coins; attending coin shows; learning how to photograph coins; buying coins; selling coins; grading coins; pricing coins; marketing coins; writing about coins; sharing coins and coin stories; and so on. Then, there are all the side roads that come along with coin collecting (several of which I've written about before): geography, economics, history, biography, marketing, etc. Coin collecting is a hobby that can be so big that it can fill a lifetime with learning, enjoyment, and (most important) distraction.

So, if you're concerned about your mental health or you need a distraction from the daily grind, give coin collecting a shot and learn what coin collectors already know – that numismatics is not only fun, but it's good for your health, too!

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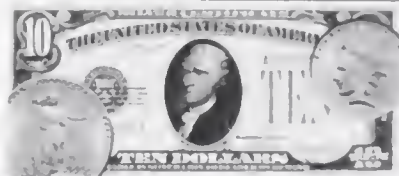
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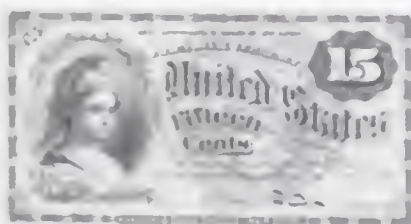
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Collecting Rare Coins: A Great Hobby With Wonderful Options

Bruce Amspacher

Collecting rare coins has been a passion shared by kings, sports personalities, famous actors and writers, and millions of people from all walks of life since the time of King Midas over 2,700 years ago. The coins from the earliest days were minted in Lydia, an area between the Mediterranean and Black seas. Many coins still survive from those ancient times, as do coins from the Romans and Greeks of 2,000 years ago.

Collecting rare coins is quite popular among the numismatic community, especially coins from the United States. In fact, issues from the U.S. hold almost every world-record price for a collectible coin.

This series explores many different series of United States coins from the very first issues, discussing the various collecting options that are available. In the first installment of this four-part series, we take a look at colonial coins and cent pieces.

Colonial Coins - The first coins struck in what is now the United States were minted in 1652 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. These coins are usually referred to as "Pine Tree" issues, but in fact encompass the NE Shilling plus the Willow Tree, Oak Tree and Pine Tree coins. These silver coins are dated 1652 (with one exception) even though they were struck until 1682.

Other Colonial issues include coins that were struck in other countries but circulated in early America, and private or state issues that were struck outside the U.S. Mint.

Collecting options: Collectors of Colonial coins may opt to accumulate coins by type (one Colonial of each type, without attention to varieties and/or rare dates), state (collecting the Colonial issues of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, etc.), or variety. A variety collection can be extremely challenging, time-consuming and expensive, but equally rewarding and educational.

Half Cents - Issued from 1793 through 1857, this series of copper coins contains many rare and expensive dates. Some of the dates were struck only in proof, meaning that no pieces were minted for circulation. Mint state and proof pieces are valued not only for their condition, but for their color, with original mint red being highly desirable.

Collecting options: Collectors of half cents often collect by date, type or specialization (i.e., collecting the proof issues exclusively or collecting die varieties)

Large Cents - As is true with half cents, Large cents were issued from 1793 through 1857. This series has a huge following, with enthusiastic collectors willing to pay six-figure prices-and beyond- for the rare varieties they need to complete their collections. Extremely desirable coins from this series include the 1793 Chain cent, 1793 Wreath cent, 1793 Liberty Cap cent and many other issues.

Collecting options: Collectors of large cents build collections based on date, type, or variety; but regardless of the method of collection, you are sure to find many other collectors who share your interest.

Wayne Gretzky - Another famous collector

Flying Eagle and Indian Cents - The era of the "small cent" began in 1856 with the first Flying Eagle cent, and continues today. Collectors usually consider these two series as one. The Flying Eagle cent was only issued for three years, while the Indian cent was minted from 1859 through 1909.

Collecting options: Collectors typically assemble these by type and date, with some collectors opting for proofs and others for business-strike examples. A type collection usually includes a Flying Eagle cent, an 1859 Indian cent (no shield on the reverse), a copper-nickel cent (1860-64), and a so-called "bronze" cent (1864-1909).

Lincoln Cents - It's as American as baseball and hot dogs to collect Lincoln cents, and the popularity of this series is incredible. The 1909-S V.D.B. cent is possibly the most famous of all U.S. coins, and collectors of all ages seem to be on the lookout for one.

Collecting options: Collectors usually assemble this series by date and mintmark, even though there are several significant type coins as well. The mint errors of this series are popular too, including the 1955-55 Doubled Die and 1922 "Plain" cents.

Two Cent Pieces - Here's a trivia question: What is the first U.S. coin to have the motto IN GOD WE TRUST? The answer: the two-cent piece. This series lasted only ten years (1864-73) and is quite collectible though completing a collection can be somewhat of a challenge.

Collecting options: Because there is only one type, this series is collected by date, with the 1873 being a proof-only issue.

Three Cent Silvers - This tiny coin actually weighs less than one gram. The series runs from 1851-1873, comprising three different types and two different metal compositions. There is only one mint-marked coin, the New Orleans issue of 1851.

Collecting options: Type collecting is popular with the three cent silver, as is date collecting by business strikes and proofs. Proofs of the Type One (1851-53) are prohibitively rare, so most proof collections begin with the 1854 Type Two issue.

Be sure to check Part 2 of this series in which we examine the different nickels that have been in circulation

Call For Nominations

In accordance with the bylaws of the Iowa Numismatic Association, I hereby make the official call for nominations for the officers of the I.N.A. for the year of 2015-2016. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the office of President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Directors. You may nominate people from your own district to serve as District Directors but no more than two Directors from any one district. In addition, candidates for Director-at-Large may be nominated. Nominations must be mailed to Second Vice President Dean Par at 2761 Bever Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403, no later than June 30, 2014. Ballots will then be mailed to each member of the I.N.A. so their vote may be mailed to the Secretary.

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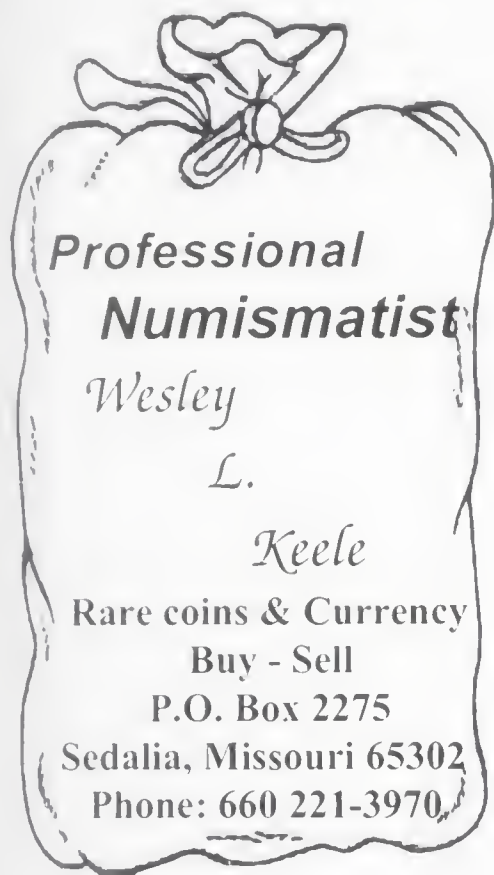
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